tion of communication network, etc.

The steps being taken to prevent incidents of attacks on elderly citizens/couples in Delhi are as under:—

(i) A senior Citizen's Security Scheme is in vogue whereby senior citizens are being identified, beat-wise, in every police station. Beat Staff of the Police Stations frequently visit these senior citizens to offer them advice on security steps to be taken by them and to reassure them. They are advised in these visits to install home security devices like magic-eye, door-chains, burglar alarm, to raise the height of boundary walls, to fix iron grills on doors and windows and to have the antecedents of their servants/ domestic help verified, etc.

(ii) During the beat and division patrolling, special vigil is maintained around the residences of senior citizens.

(iii) The antecedents of servants and other domestic help, working with old persons, are verified.

(iv) The Chowkidars of the area have been briefed to keep an eye on the residences of this category of persons.

Statement

Period	Dacoity	Murder	Attempt to Murder	Robbery	Kidnapping/ abduction	Rape	Dowry Deaths	Burglary	Theft	Murder of couples
1.3.94 to 28.2.95	15	479	478	374	1064	312	149	1621	13737	5

Computerisation of Post Offices in Karnataka

*224. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to computerise post offices in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of post offices computerised so far; and

(c) the number of post offices proposed to be computerised during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) The Department's programme of activities envisaged under the 8th Five Year Plan includes induction of appropriate technology to make the postal services totally modern. Services across postal counters being an important area of customer-interface, computer-based counter machines have been envisaged as one of the important initial schemes for modernisation of post office. This scheme, being implemented in phases, also covers Karnataka.

137 postal counters in 54 post offices in Karnataka have so far been provided with computer-based counter machines details of which are given in statement. *(See* below*)*

In order to optimize the benefits of computer based counter machines the Department is implementing a programme of complete modernisation of counter work and the front office in selected post offices in the country. Under this programme, Museum Road Post Office and Rabindranath Tagore Nagar Post Office in Bangalore have been fully computerised. Four more post offices in Karnataka circle are to be covered under this programme during 1994-95 and these post offices are: Rajaji Nagar Head Office,

Basevangudi Head Office, Indira Nagar Sub Office and Jayanagar Head Office.

The department's plan programme for 1995-96 envisages modernisation of 500 more post offices in the country and this will include post offices in Karnataka also.

Statement

No. of Machines Installed & Commissioned in Karnataka Circle

Post Office	City	No. of machines supplied
CIRCLE : KARNATAKA		
REGION : DHARWAD		
BELGAUM CITY HO	BELGAUM	4
BELGAUN HO	BELGAUN	3
DHARWAD HO	DHARWAD	3
GADAG HO	GADAG	3
HUBLI HO	HUBLI	4
KARNATAKA UNIV. PO	DHARWAD	3
KARWAR HO	KARWAR	3
KUMTA HO	KUMTA	3
PMG N.K. REGION	DHARWAD	1
RANEBENNUAR HO	RANEBENNUR	3
REGION TOTAL :	TOTAL :	30 — I
REGION : KARNATAKA		
B. GUDI HO	BANGALORE	4
BANGALORE AIR STG OFFICE	BANGALORE	3
BANGALORE GPO	BANGALORE	11
BANGALORE CITY HO	BANGALORE	4
BANNERGHATTA ROAD PO	BANGALORE	2
BRIGADE ROAD PO	BANGALORE	3
FRAZER TOWN PO	BANGALORE	2
INDIAN INST. OF SCIENCE	BANGALORE	2
INDRA NAGAR PO	BANGALORE	3
J.C. ROAD PO	BANGALORE	2
JALAHALLI PO	BANGALORE	2
JAYANAGAR HO	BANGALORE	4
MASRIT PO	BANGALORE	1
MUSEUM ROAD PO	BANGALORE	3
NAGASANDRA PO	BANGALORE	2
R.T. NAGAR	BANGALORE	2
RAJAJINAGAR HO	BANGALORE	4
RESIDENCY ROAD PO	BANGALORE	2
SHANTHI NAGAR PO	BANGALORE	2
VASANTHNAGAR PO	BANGALORE	1
VIMANPURA PO	BANGALORE	2
WILSON GARDEN PO	BANGALORE	2
YELEHANKA PO	BANGALORE	2
REGION TOTAL :	TOTAL :	65 — II
REGION : S.K. BANGALORE		
BALMATTA PO	MANGALORE	1
CHIKMAGALUR SO	CHIKMAGALUR	2
CHITRADURGA HO	*CHITRADURGA*	2
DAVANGERE HO	DAVANGERE	2
HAMPANKATTA PO	MANGALORE	1

Post Office	City	No. of machines supplied
HASSAN HO	HASSAN	2
K.R. CIRCLE	BANGALORE	1
KOLAR PO	KOLAR	2
KUNDAPUR HO	KUNDAPUR	1
MANDYA HO	MANDYA	2
MANGALORE HO	MANGALORE	5
MANIPAL HO	MANIPAL	1
MYSORE HO	MYSORE	5
NANJANGUD HO	NANJANGUD	2
PUTTUR HO	PUTTUR	2
SARASWATHI PURAM PO	MYSORE	2
SHIMOGA HO	SHIMOGA	2
SRIRANGAPATNA HO	SRIRANGAPATNA	2
SSP OFFICE MYSORE	MYSORE	1
TUMKUR HO	TUMKUR	2
UDUPI HO	UDUPI	2
REGION TOTAL :	TOTAL :	42 — III
GRAND TOTAL : I+II+III		137

Priority in the Allotment of STD/ISD Public Call Offices

*225. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that priority/reservation is given/made in the allotment of STD/ISD public call offices to persons belonging to some categories;

(b) if so, what are the details of groups/classes/castes which fall in priority categories;

(c) whether it is a fact that Other Backward Classes have not been accorded any priority in this scheme of things;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government are considering their inclusion soon; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Certain categories of persons are given preference for allotment of STD PCOs. However, no specific reservation is made.

(b) The preferential categories are Handicapped including blind persons, SC/ST applicants, Ex-servicemen/War-widows, Retired DOT employees or their dependents, freedom fighters or their dependents and Charitable Institutions/Hospitals.

(c) to (f) As STD/ISD PCOs are allotted only to the educated unemployed, it is expected that all economically weaker sections including those in the other Backward Classes would be benefitted by the existing policy.

वडोदरा-सूरत में विद्युत-इंजनों का रख-रखाव

*226. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी: क्या रेल** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कई महत्वपूर्ण रेल लाइनों का विद्युतीकरण कार्य पूरा हो जाने से विद्युत इंजनों के रख-रखाव की मांग बढ़ गई है;

(ख) क्या एक अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण खंड वडोदरा-सूरत